



Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

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“Survey Says ...”

The last issue of this newsletter contained a brief survey. Thank you to the 1,056 library patrons who returned the survey by the deadline at the end of April.

Patrons are generally very satisfied (62%) or satisfied (32%) with the materials they receive. They are also very satisfied (79%) or satisfied (18%) with the service provided

by staff. Patrons generally rated the overall quality of services received as excellent (68%) or very good (23%).

Only 5% said the State’s 4-day workweek affected their service negatively. Most (52%) said there was no apparent change or had no opinion (34%).

41% of the respondents have a computer with internet access.

Already about half (48%) responded that they are currently receiving digital books. Satisfaction with the new digital player and cartridges, as expressed in comments from respondents, is very high.

Attention Wyoming Readers

Availability is good for the new digital players not only in Utah, but also in Wyoming. Wyoming patrons should call their local office of Wyoming Services for the Visually Impaired to request a digital player.

If you live in Laramie, Albany, Niobrara, Platte, or Goshen county, contact **Cheyenne** at (307) 777 – 7256.

If you live in Carbon, Sweetwater, or Uinta county, contact **Rawlins** at (307) 324 - 5333.

If you live in Fremont, Sublette, Lincoln, Teton, Yellowstone Park, Natrona, or Converse county, contact **Riverton** at (307) 856 – 5652.

If you live in Park, Big Horn, Hot Springs, or Washakie county, contact **Powell** at (307) 754 – 2147.

If you live in Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, or Weston county, contact **Sheridan** at (307) 672 – 6129



Please Return and Check Your Digital Books

Because of the high demand for a relatively small collection of digital books, please return them in a timely manner.

A growing number of Digital Books are coming back to the library with the wrong cartridge or no cartridge in the container. Please make sure you return the right cartridge in the right mailing container. Thank you.

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Reader Response Sheet

Patron Number _____

Name _____

Address _____

Check Those Items You Would Like to Receive

_____ Newsline (NWL8)

_____ Talking Book Topics (Large Print) (TBT2)

_____ Talking Book Topics (Cassette) (TBT3)

_____ Please change my Talking Book Topics
from Cassette to Large Print

Please list book numbers or book titles or other items desired:

Please return this sheet to the library by folding it so that the library's address is on the outside. No postage is necessary.

If you have questions or wish to order by phone, please call

Local: (801) 715 - 6789

Utah toll free: (800) 662-5540

TDD: (801) 715 - 6721

Out of State toll free: (800) 453-4293

or email the library at blind@utah.gov

Please fill in your PATRON NUMBER, name, and address at the top of this sheet. Your patron number appears above your name on the address label of this newsletter. Fold, seal, and return to the library. **THANK YOU.**

Fold Here

**Free Matter for the Blind
or Disabled**

**Utah State Library
for the Blind and Disabled
250 North 1950 West, Suite A
Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – 7901**

Calling All Crafters

The Utah Council of the Blind is planning some holiday boutiques this Fall for crafters who wish to sell their products. The boutiques will be open for the public to do some holiday shopping and will be advertised. Boutiques are currently scheduled for

Friday, November 12, 2010
Golden Years Senior Center
726 South 100 East in Bountiful

Thursday, November 18, 2010
DSBVI
250 North 1950 West in SLC

Another boutique is being planned for the St. George area sometime after Thanksgiving.

To reserve a spot at a cost of five dollars, or for more information, please call Arlene Hinman at 801-294-7564.

Reservation money is due by September 1, 2010.

Newsline

This service is jointly sponsored by the Utah Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Utah State Library Division, and the Library of Congress. It is provided through the National Federation of the Blind. Utah is one of 43 states that provide the service to over 80,000 subscribers nationwide.

Newsline gives readers access to about 300 daily newspapers through a touch-tone phone or by download from the internet. After individuals acquire a six-digit ID number and a four-digit security code, they can dial a toll-free phone number to gain access to a menu from which papers and articles can be selected, or access the Newsline website for content download. The voice is synthetic speech.

Currently the service offers over 300 daily newspapers, including
Deseret Morning News
Park City Park Record
Provo Daily Herald

Salt Lake Tribune
 USA Today
 Christian Science Monitor
 Wall Street Journal

There are several ways to acquire access codes to begin using Newsline.

Patrons may write or call
 National Federation of the Blind
 1800 Johnson St.
 Baltimore, MD 21230
 Telephone: (410) 659 – 9314
 (866) 504 - 7300

Patrons may apply online at
www.nfbnewsline.org
www.nfbnewslineonline.org

Patrons may also call the library to begin this service, or check the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter).

Your name and address are provided to the National Federation of the Blind. NFB will send you a letter with access codes and a brochure with instructions for using Newsline.
 Once access and security code numbers have been acquired,

patrons can access the above website or dial the following toll-free number for access to Newsline: (888) 882 – 1629

New Digital Books Listed in Talking Book Topics

Currently there is no catalog of the Digital Books available from the library. However, new Digital Books have been listed in the last four issues of Talking Book Topics. This catalog comes out every two months with the newest Digital Books (DBs) and Cassette Books (RCs). It is available in either a large print or cassette edition.

If you do not now receive this publication and would like to, please check which edition you would like on the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter). You may also call the library.

If you would like to change your subscription from cassette to large print, you may do so by checking the Reader Response Sheet or calling the library.

Volunteer Corner

Book Narrating and Reviewing

The radio reading rooms were recently converted to book narrating rooms. The conversion makes eight rooms available for recording and reviewing audio books.

Volunteers Tom Williams and David Toronto are sharing their knowledge of the narrating /reviewing process, and Tom is instructing others to use the book recording software. Their expertise has been invaluable, and is enabling us to begin growing this program. Since the end of April, several former radio readers have signed on to record or review books.

Thanks to all of you for continuing to share your talent with the library. We're expanding incrementally, so if you're a former radio reader and expressed an interest in narrating books, but haven't heard from us yet, we'll be contacting you soon.

Digital Books

The number of audio books circulated to our patrons has increased because of the new digital format. As a result, our book inspectors are processing a larger number of audio books each day.

Over 200,000 cassette and digital format audio books were inspected by volunteers during the past fiscal year, July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. This is an amazing amount of material to inspect in a year. Thank you for your diligence and dedication.

Consumer Representative

Everette Bacon has been appointed as the Western Region Consumer Representative on the Library of Congress, NLS, National Audio Equipment Advisory Committee. If you have feedback on the new digital player or other concerns about talking book equipment, please email him at ebacon@utah.gov.

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